

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to further recite means for advancing/retracting a wheel head relative to an eccentric workpiece in synchronism with movement of the eccentric portion. Basis for this can be found at lines 13-16 of page 7 in the specification. Claims 11-20 have been cancelled.

Claims 6 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication 56-9166. Applicants wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy of an interview on June 13, 2005 at which time the outstanding rejection was discussed, as were the claims amended according to the present response. In particular, Applicants pointed out that JP '166 discloses the grinding of a circular workpiece W, and so would not include means for advancing/retracting a wheel head relative to a workpiece in synchronism with movement of an eccentric portion of the workpiece. Based upon the above, it was agreed that the amended claims define over JP '166.

Concerning paragraph 4 of the Office Action, it is noted that Hill et al was cited to teach a straight portion of a nozzle between a curved portion and an opening. Since Hill et al does not disclose the grinding of an eccentric workpiece, it cannot overcome the shortcomings of JP '166, and so the claims define over any combination of the above references.

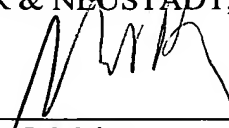
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the prior art cited on April 22, 2005.

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Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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